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"Know also, O Prince, that in the selfsame days that the Cimmerian did stalk the Hyborian Kingdoms, one of the few swords worthy to cross with his was that of a warrior-woman out of majestic Hyrkania. She, the mother of vengeance, hunter of evil, all fear for your souls... fear the RED SONJA!

Her people slain, lands destroyed and memories and past not all her own, Lady Sonja suffers under the sword of Osin - the grizzled warrior who knew her in times past, even though she has no memories of that past herself.

Now, Lady Sonja flashes to her past as she struggles to perfect her fighting form, and exact her revenge! Behold, Red Sonja reborn!
- the Nemedian Chronicles

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FIFTEEN YEARS AGO...

WHAT
WOULD YOU
HAVE ME
DO?



DON REQUESTS
ASSISTANCE OF
JULLIAN?

JULLIAN
WILL BE RIGHT
HAND OF DON.



AND YOU
WILL AID MY
QUEST?



JULLIAN
WILL AID SEARCH
FOR RED ONE.



SO
BE IT.



SO
BE IT!

FWWSSSH



WHAT...

GODS
FORGIVE
ME...

WHAT
HAVE I...



WHAT
HAVE I
DONE?



Now:



BEFORE YOU CAN BE ALLOWED TO HOLD A SWORD, YOU MUST LEARN TO STAND.

I HAVE BEEN STANDING SINCE I WAS A CHILD.

I AM STANDING NOW.



YOUR FEET ARE TOO CLOSE TOGETHER.

WHAT ARE YOU--



WHEN YOUR FEET ARE SO CLOSE, YOU LACK BALANCE.

WHY?



WHUMP



I APPEAR TO BE UNDER ARMED.



YOU
INSOLENT--



THAT IS
THE NOBLE
WOMAN? HEAR,
NOT THE
WARRIOR.

AND IT
WAS THE NOBLE
WOMAN STANDS
BEFORE ME A
MOMENT AGO.

NOW,
STAND AS A
WARRIOR.



PERFECT.

I
EXPECTED
HALF AS MUCH.



IT FEELS THE
PROPER WAY
TO STAND.



AND SO
IT IS.



TAKE THIS
SWORD.



AND
THEN!



THE
GROUND IS FOR
THE BLOOD OF
ENEMIES. NOT
THE BLADE OF
YOUR SWORD.



YOUR BLADE
IS YOUR LIFE ON
THE BATTLEFIELD.
YET YOU HOLD
YOUR SWORD
SO WEAKLY.

ALL THINGS
WITH YOU ARE
INSULTS AND--



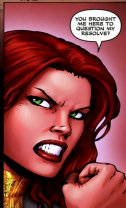
YOU'RE
DEAD.

KLANG

AHHH!









UNLIKE
THE EASTERN
COUNTRIES, YOU
BURY YOUR
DEAD HERE.
YEST.

YES.

BUT
THERE ARE
SO MANY.

AND YOU
SHALL DIG A
GRAVE FOR
EACH.

YOU WILL
CARRY THEIR
BODIES TO THEIR
FINAL RESTING
PLACE...

AND YOU WILL
PLACE THEM GENTLY IN
THE GROUND, WISHING
THEM WELL ON THEIR
JOURNEY DOWN THE
RIVER STYX.

YOU
WILL NOT
HELP?

I HAVE
STRENGTH
ENOUGH.
THANK YOU.

AND THIS...
THIS HAND SHOULD
NOT TOUCH ANYONE
WHO NEEDS TO JOURNEY
THE UNDERWORLD
WHOLESTER.

AND SO
SONIA SET
ABOUT HER
TASK



THE VILLAGE OF
DOOM HAD BEEN
HOME TO THREE
HUNDRED SOULS



AND SOULS
CARRIED EACH AND
EVERY ONE TO THEIR
FINAL REST



AS HOURS STRETCHED
INTO DAYS SONIA'S DREAMS
BECAME HAUNTED BY THE
FACES OF THE DEAD, AND
SHE FOUND HERSELF
AWAKING BLISS

YET STILL SHE
CONTINUED.

WORKING
FROM SUNRISE
TO SUNSET.

NEVER CEASING
UNTIL THE JOB
WAS FINISHED.

I HAVE
SEEN MANY
FAMILIAR
FACES.

THE TOWN
BUTCHER, THE
GROUNDS KEEPERS
FOR MY HUSBAND'S
ESTATE, THE MAID
WHO DRESSED
ME.

HOWEVER, I
HAVE NOT SEEN MY
SISTER, NOR HAS MY
HUSBAND, YES, BUT
NOT HERSELF.

PIRATES
HAVE BEEN KNOWN
TO TAKE WOMEN
PRISONER, FOR
USE, FOR SALE.

I HAVE BURIED
MANY WOMEN IN
THESE LAST FEW
DAYS.

THESE PIRATES
CAME FOR ONE
PURPOSE--TO
KILL.

TO BURN
DOWN TO THE
GROUND.



MILES TO THE EAST
IN LANDS RULED BY THE
MATTUR FARMEN A SACRED
BATHERING COMMENCES...

DARIN MATTUR,
PATRIARCH OF THE MATTUR
CLAN HAS PASSED.

AS IS CUSTOM IN
THESE LANDS THE HIGH
PRIESTS HAVE SPENT A
WEEK CLEANSING THE
CORPSE, ENSURING IT
IS FREE OF DEMONIC
POSSESSION AND
PREPARING IT FOR THE
JOURNEY TO THE
NEXT WORLD.

LUCAN MATTUR, DARIN'S
ONLY SON, NOW RULES
HIS FATHER'S LANDS.

AND IT IS LUCAN
WHO IS CHARGED
WITH SENDONG HIS
FATHER AHEAD.

AASHAY
BULTHAYN
NOK KELL.

INDEED.

LUCAN
PERFORMS HIS
DUTY AS AN
ONLY SON...

FAREWELL,
FATHER.

KNOWING FULL WELL
THOSE GATHERED DO NOT
SUSPECT THE TRUTH.

DARIN MATTHEW
WAS NOT L.L.

DARIN MATTHEW HAD
MANY MEANS LEFT
TO LIVE...





FAMILY
LUCAN BE
STRONG IN
YOUR TIME
OF GRIEF.



AH LORD
LUCAN MY MOST
SINCERE--

WELCOME
HOME,
PROTH.

YOUR
JOURNEY WEST
WENT AS
PLANNED?



YES, MY LORD.
WE DELIVERED YOUR
MESSAGE, TO THE
LADY SONIA, RATHER
THAN HER HUSBAND
SINCE--

AND
THE PLEASERS
DID THEIR
WORK?



WHEN LAST MY SCOUTS
SAW DORN, THEY CLAIM
IT WAS ABLAZE AND
ALL WERE DEAD.

GOOD.



I FAIL
TO UNDERSTAND
WHY I HAD TO MAKE
SUCH AN ARDUOUS
JOURNEY WHEN YOUR
PLAN ALL ALONG
WAS--

MANY.

HOW MANY
PEOPLE SAW YOU
ON THE ROAD
FROM HERE TO
DORN?



AND HOW MANY OF THOSE PEOPLE SAW AN ARMY MARCHING WITH YOU, PEROTH?



HOW MANY OF THE PEOPLE WALKING THE WESTWARD ROAD SAW THE MATHEM ARMY MARCHING TO WAR?

WHY, NONE, MY LORD LUCAN.



SO MY MAN WAS SEEN CARRYING A MESSAGE TO DORN, LIESLY ANNOUNCING THE DEATH OF MY FATHER.

THUS, WHEN THOSE TERRIBLE PIRATES INVADDED THE SLEEPY LITTLE LAND OF DORN.

THERE IS NOT A SOUL IN THE WORLD THAT MIGHT THINK THEM IN MY EMPLOY.



AMMY I SEE! YES!



YES, PEROTH? VERY GOOD. LIKE A HAMMER SUDDENLY GRANTED THE GIFT OF THOUGHT, YOU HAVE UNDERSTOOD THAT TASK WHICH YOU WERE USED FOR.



NOW, ONTO OTHER MATTERS. WHERE IS SHE?

WHERE YOU REQUESTED SHE BE, LORD LUCAN.

IN YOUR BED CHAMBERS.



YES...

HERE I AM.



MY DEAR VERONA.

I HAVE MISSED YOU TERRIBLY.



AND I SEE YOU BROUGHT MY DAUGHTER AS WELL.

HELLO, LITTLE ONE. YOUR FATHER'S LIFE IS OVER.

WELCOME HOME.

WEAKS MORE
AND SONJA'S SKILLS
AS A WARRIOR
GROWS.

WITH EACH DAY SONJA
DISCOVERS REFLEXES
THAT COME WITHOUT
EFFORT...

YET CANNOT
BE RELIED UPON
AS OF YET.

WINNING!

I WILL SAY
IT IS FAMILIAR
AND LEAVE IT
AT THAT.

AGAIN YOU
HAVE THAT
LOOK ABOUT
YOU!

AND WHAT
IS THAT?

GOODY
GOODY

WILD



OSIN, I
HAVE NOT ASKED
BEFORE, BUT OF
LATE I HAVE
WONDERED.

WHO?

WHERE
ARE THEY?

THE PIRATES
THAT KILLED MY
HUSBAND,
RAZED MY
TOWN.



THEY
LIVE AMONGST
THE RABACHAN
ISLES.

THEN LET
US GO.

YOU ARE
NOT READY
TO—

EACH
BREATH THOSE
PIRATES DRAW IS
ONE MORE THAN
MY BELOVED
DANIEL.

AND THEY WILL
CONTINUE TO DRAW
BREATH UNLESS YOU
IF I WERE TO TAKE
YOU TO THEM NOW,
AS YOU STAND...

YOU MISUNDERSTAND.
I HAVE BEEN THINKING
ON THAT AS WELL...

I DO NOT
WISH TO ENGAGE
THE PIRATES IN
COMBAT OSIN.



TO BE CONTINUED!

DYNAMITE DISPATCHES

Hey, Dynamite fans! Have any questions or suggestions? Email: LETTERS@DYNAMITEENTERTAINMENT.COM

NEXT ISSUE:



RED SONJA #38 (JUL083981)
 Red Sonja's dramatic new storyline takes another daring twist as she comes to an end of her quest of vengeance and regains a familiar set of armor! By Brian Reed, Walter D'Ercole and covers by Rubi, Rafael and Marcos!

ASK DYNAMITE:

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HANEY WRITES: "Hello! I'm a huge fan of Eduardo Resas and I was just wondering when I could expect to see Borderline Volume 3? I love the book so far and I hope the next one comes out soon!"

Futty you should ask... we're currently working on the third volume and translating the fourth volume now. That will complete the saga of Borderline, and it's well worth the (moderate) wait!

BIOGRAPHY WRITES: "Seriously, with Dynamite doing so many pulp/radio classic characters, the Shadow would fit in great! It would be easy to make him modern to new readers, but keep him firmly in his classic roots of pulp mystery. Something along the lines of the way 'The Lone Ranger' and 'Zorro' were re-invented. And with Sam Raimi producing a feature film down the road, it would be great to get people warmed up to him now."

At least once a month we get asked this question and our answer remains ever the same: we'd love to do the Shadow and don't forget Doc Savage!!! But, alas, for now, it's not to be...

SAM WRITES: "You're doing a great job there but I'd just like to point out the fact that French's beach does not sound...well, very beach. Actually it sounds all wrong

to see the truth. So if you guys need a free hand for correction (my English may suck but not my French), I'd be glad to contribute to one of my favorite comic. Keep up the good work!"

I do believe that French's dialogue is exactly as Garth intends it... most intensively, but thanks for the offer!

DYNAMITE IN THE NEWS:

ITEM:
BLACK TERROR #1 IN OCTOBER OF 2009!



After the introductory price (just \$1.50) **PROJECT SUPERPOWERS™ PRELUDE** (JUL083982) comes October's **BLACK TERROR #1** (AUG083983) by Alex Ross, Jim Krueger and Dynamite newly-signed exclusive artist Mike Lilly!

Each issue will feature a candelstick cover (ala Marvel's Secret Invasion and Civil War) with the first issue featuring two great covers by the same team that brought you the covers to the historic and monumental *Uncanny X-Men #500* - Alex Ross and Greg (U)wanny X-Men #500 new artist Landi! Also, look for the Limited Edition Variant cover by the legendary John Romita Sr.!

This new ongoing series is the foundation to our storylines bursting out of Project Superpowers 0.7 (the opening chapter), and will lead directly in to Project Superpowers Chapter Two! The first series established the universe, and in Black Terror, the action begins!

BLACK TERROR #1 by Alex Ross, Jim Krueger (Plot) Jim Krueger (W) Mike Lilly (A) Covers: Alex Ross, Greg Land, John Romita Sr.

Also in October, don't miss the **PROJECT SUPERPOWERS 2 PRELUDE** POSTER BY ALEX ROSS!

Dynamite is offering this 34" by 36" poster as a for sale item for fans

and retailers who wish to purchase this unfolded. There will come individual releases (this one will be available both unsigned (AUG083987) and signed (AUG083988). Pre-order from your local retailer, as supplies are limited!

ITEM:
OCTOBER IS GARTH ENNIS MONTH: www.newsarama.com/comics/080808-EnnisMonth.html

ITEM:
THE DYNAMITE PODCASTS ARE BACK! Thanks to new show producer Chris Parke (check out his excellent "Solo" podcast at <http://www.comicaddiction.com/>) we are back in weekly action! Look for new episodes each week and be sure to send us your reviews, questions and comments to be a part of the show! Check it out! <http://www.dynamiteentertainment.com/podcasts/dynamitepodcasts.xm> We're missing the "voice of Dynamite" this week, so we'll be back to our full show next week! Enjoy Chris's solo performance!

DYNAMITE REVIEWS

BROTHERS-IN-ARMS #3 (ComicsBulletin.com): "You should absolutely be reading this series, if you have any interest whatsoever in World War II, there is no excuse for you to miss this title. There is enough character and development and enough action to keep you involved. This is truly an underrated book and a definite grand slam. 5 Bullets"

THE BOYS #21 (ComicsWaitingRoom.com): "Whether you enjoy THE BOYS or not, I think you have to respect the vision behind Ennis and Robertson are doing something completely different than anyone else in comics and setting the superhero genre on edge (and on fire) with each succeeding issue. Beautifully written and drawn, it remains one of the few books that offers something unique and exciting with every succeeding issue."

THE LONE RANGER #12 (ComicsBulletin.com): "Overall, this is a solid issue of The Lone Ranger. While it does move the story along, there is some great development in terms of the main character. While it took quite some time for this book to be released, I really hope it gets on a normal shipping schedule because the title has the potential for some great drama and suspense in the upcoming storyline. 4 Bullets"

AMERICA FLAGGI! (Scoop): "The best thing about this newly re-colored volume is that it offers today's readers a chance to view this material either for the first time or again. The first 14 issues of America! Flaggi are collected

along with a new story by Chaykin. In addition to the standard edition soft cover, there is also a limited edition, signed version, and a two-volume trade paperback version."

AMERICA FLAGGI! (ComicsWaitingRoom.com): "AMERICA! FLAGGI! remains Howard Chaykin's personal masterpiece, and this excellent hardcover collection of the first fourteen issues presents the work better than we've ever seen it before."

THE BOYS #21 (WizardUniverse.com): "Ennis' story is absolutely rife with this ish, and Robertson's gritty art brings the whole, horribly magnetic twist to life. It's like watching a train wreck unfold in slow motion; you don't want to witness it, but you won't be able to look away."

RED SONJA #38 (WizardUniverse.com): "Reed's epic heads back to his barbarian roots as the action picks up once more, while Goveoni's art projects a timeless quality for the fiery-haired warrior."

MAN WITH NO NAME #3 (Scoop): "...just like when Dynamite picked James Kuhoric to write their Army of Darkness series, they scored a major victory when they picked writer Chrisios Gage for this one. He clearly has the feel for the story and the dialogue, making sure that he neither apes nor alienates the world of the character."

ZORRO #5 (PaperBackReader.com): "Dynamite has been the master of the show-run series, and there's plenty left to make sure this doesn't lose steam before we get there. I'd highly recommend this book. Grade A."

AVENGERS/INVADERS #4 (Jul 12) (WizardUniverse.com): "If 'flea-wheelin' action and adventure is your game, Krueger, Ross and Sadowski are dealing one hell of a hand with this issue of their crossover event."

PROJECT SUPERPOWERS #5 (ComicsBulletin.com): "Project Superpowers proves that you don't have to have super-heroes fighting each other, destroying each other and losing to evil in order to produce drama. Drama works best when it's surrounded by wit, and the witty dialogue in this book is a product of the heroes' familiarity with and their trust in each other. They also have relatively the same goals and the same regards for the future they see but without losing uniqueness."

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RED SONJA #38

CIMMERIA

SHE-DEVIL WITH A SWORD

Deserts



THE REBIRTH OF RED SONJA CONTINUES!

Story by **BRIAN REED** Art by **WALTER GEOVANI**

Covers by **MEL RUBI, PABLO MARCOS & CARLOS RAFAEL**

"Reed does a great job in putting down layers of character and setting up a new status quo... Geovani's work reminds me of Lee and Silvestri, by turns, but in a good way. This is definitely a great jumping-on point for potential new readers."

-- BestShots@Newsarama.com

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